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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information		

Naumburg.

- On 22 and 23 October, 1954, an artillery unit with eight artillery pieces entered the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) in Naumburg, and elements of the same artillery unit with 14 artillery pieces occupied the Hubertus Kaserne (8382). Four SP guns, trucks, and jeep with engineer soldiers were also observed at the Hubertus Kaserne.¹ 25X1
- On 23 October, five trucks were observed at the Bluecher Kaserne. The vehicles were occupied by infantrymen.¹ 25X1

Weissenfels.

- Between 21 and 25 October, the Infanterie Kaserne (8521) in Weissenfels was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers. Routine duty was observed on 21, 23, and 25 October.² 25X1
- Between 21 and 25 October, no change was observed in the occupation of the Pionier Kaserne (8222). Maintenance work was done on a T-34/85 tank and about 40 trucks. Most of the soldiers were red-bordered black epaulets.² 25X1

Korbetha.

- At 1210 on 24 October, a troop train of 35 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 15 boxcars with billeting equipment and boxes and 1 gondola car with barrels passed through the Korbetha railroad station and proceeded toward Leipzig. 25X1

Merseburg.

- Between 18 and 24 October, the Flak Kaserne (8321) in Merseburg was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 17 October, 12 prime movers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun, were lined up for inspection. On 22 October, truck entered the kaserne. Except for athletics, no training activity was observed on 24 October.² 25X1

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Jena.

7. At 1645 on 20 October, 12 JS tanks, [redacted] were unloaded at the Jena - Saale railroad station. At 1730, the tanks drove toward the Loebstedt Kaserne (8222) or Zwaetzen Kaserne (8221), or to a newly fenced-in lot near the gas works between the railroad station and the Loebstedt Kaserne. At 1800, 6 to 8 trucks with equipment, 2 armored personnel carriers, and 2 armored scout cars passed through Loebstedter Strasse and drove northward.³

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8. At 1600 on 21 October, 11 JS-2 or JS-3 tanks, [redacted] and 2 SP guns were unloaded at the railroad station. At 1700, they passed through Loebstedter Strasse and drove northward. At 1730, a troop train of 8 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 to 10 trucks, [redacted] was unloaded. The unit also passed through Loebstedter Strasse and went northward.³

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Plauen.

9. On 23 October, 300 officers and soldiers with practice targets, light machine guns, rifles and light mortars entered the Hindenburg Kaserne (8442) in Plauen. They were followed by eight trucks occupied by 12 to 15 soldiers each, including three trucks with a 57-mm AT gun each which went to the Koenig Georg Kaserne (8443) Truck [redacted] was seen.⁴

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Meiningen.

10. On 28 October, the occupation of the Barbara Kaserne (8301) in Meiningen could not be determined. Many dependents were apparently quartered at the installation. The Haupt Kaserne (8302) was occupied to capacity. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets.

Gera.

11. Between 20 and 31 October, the Reuss Kaserne (8141) in Gera was apparently occupied to capacity. Weapons observed included 6 x 100-mm AT guns and 6 x 122-mm howitzers. Trucks [redacted] were used as driver school vehicles.

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12. Between 20 and 31 October, the Tinz Kaserne (8142) was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Two T-34/85 tanks have been repeatedly observed at driving practice.⁵

1. Comment. The observations include the return of elements of the 655th How Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div after termination of the field exercises. It is noteworthy that elements of the regiment moved to the Bismarck Kaserne which was previously believed to have been occupied by the 498th AAA Regt only. Since AAA units occupied the Hindenburg Kaserne on 17 October 1954, a change in occupation of the two barracks installations is possible. [redacted] The SP guns observed at the Hubertus Kaserne belong to the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. Elements of the regiment were previously stationed at this kaserne. The vehicles observed at the Bluecher Kaserne belong to the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt which returned to its previous quarters from field exercises.

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2. Comment. The observations indicate no essential change in the occupation of the two barracks installations in Weissenfels and in the occupation of the Flak Kaserne in Merseburg. [redacted]

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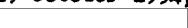
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3.  Comment. The observations indicate that elements of the 68th Gds Hv Tk SP Regt returned to their home station in Jena and probably to their previous quarters at the Zwaetzen Kasern. On 19 October 1954, elements of the regiment were entrained at Eisenach. 



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4.  Comment. It is believed that artillery pieces of the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt are parked with those of the 85th Gun Arty Regt at the Koenig Georg Kaserne.

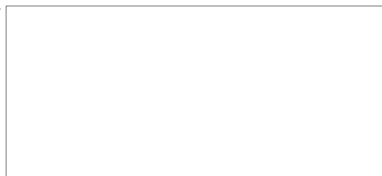
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5.  Comment. On 23 October 1954, the occupation of the Tinz Kaserne included about 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 

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